international competitions, the training is provided by the concerned National Sports Federation and all the supporting assistance is provided by the Indian Railways. For Commonwealth Games. 2010 also the existing arrangement will continue.

(c) Does not arise.

Quality of Wheat Imported from Australian Wheat Board

†*517. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that doubts have been raised about the quality of wheat when its first consignment reached the country after being imported from the Australian Wheat Board;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the source which raised this doubt?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (c) The Central Food Laboratory (CFTRI) Mysore in its initial analysis of a sample, which as informed by the STC was drawn from the surface layer of the imported wheat, immediately on opening of the hatches, had reported residues of one pesticide "Fenitrothion", to be in excess of the prescribed limit. However the analysis by the CFTRI of the composite sample taken from the consignment, found that the presence of the same pesticide "Fenitrothion", was only 0.01 mg/kg (ppm), as against the prescribed limit of 0.02 mg/kg (ppm), thus falling well within the Maximum Residue Limit provided under the PFA Act 1954.

Small Scale Industries in rural Punjab

*518. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of small scale manufacturing units in the rural areas in Punjab based on timber have been closed down due to

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

cheaper imports of raw materials as well as finished goods resulting to slump in consumption levels of farm forestry products;

(b) whether Government have received any request from the State Government of Punjab to help establishment of wood based paper mills/ pulp/board industries in Punjab and North-Western region of the country to boost farm forestry and help the poverty stricken families of the state; and

(c) action taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) According to information furnished by the Government of Punjab, no small scale timber-based manufacturing unit in the rural areas of Punjab is reported to have closed down, due to cheaper imports of raw material of finished goods.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Government of India has forwarded the request of the State Government to Paper Industry Accociations and Trade Bodies to consider it while deciding the location of their new plants.

Improvement in infrasctructure in warehouses

*519. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:—

(a) whether standard of warehouses is poor in our country compared to other countries;

(b) whether 30-35 per cent of foodstuff purchased in our country goes waste due to poor and inadequate infrastructural facilities in warehouses; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to provide adequate infrastructural facilities in warehouses?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) No, Sir. The warehouses in our country are constructed and maintained as per prescribed standards, which have been evolved keeping in view the specific storage requirement and prevailing climatic condition etc.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. Foodgrains procured in our country are stored in